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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Amended) A rinse-aid composition for a dishwashing machine comprising a bio-polypeptide wherein the bio-polypeptide is present in the rinse-aid composition ~~prevents~~ in an amount to prevent starch build-up and improves soil removal on articles being washed, the rinse-aid composition being free of gelatin.

2. (Amended) The rinse-aid composition according to claim 1 wherein the bio-polypeptide is ~~gelatin,~~ egg albumin, bovine serum albumin, casein, sodium caseinate or a mixture thereof.

3. (Original) The rinse-aid composition according to claim 1 wherein the bio-polypeptide is yeast protein, whey protein, vegetable protein, plant protein, animal glue, collagen, collagen hydrosylate, or a mixture thereof.

4. (Original) The rinse-aid composition according to claim 1 wherein the rinse-aid composition comprises from about 0.5% to about 30.0% by weight bio-polypeptide.

5. (Original) The rinse-aid composition according to claim 1 wherein the rinse-aid composition further comprises at least one additive selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, hydrotrope, preservative, acid, surfactant and water.

6. (Original) The rinse-aid composition according to claim 5 wherein the surfactant is a low-foaming nonionic surfactant.

7. (Original) The rinse-aid composition according to claim 1 wherein the rinse-aid composition results in a use solution having a pH from about 2.0 to about 10.0.

8. (Original) A method for preventing starch build-up on dishware comprising the steps of:

(a) contacting dishware with a rinse-aid composition comprising a bio-polypeptide;

(b) removing the dishware from the rinse-aid composition.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 8 wherein the bio-polypeptide is gelatin, egg albumin, bovine serum albumin, casein, sodium caseinate or a mixture thereof.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 8 wherein the bio-polypeptide is yeast protein, whey protein, vegetable protein, plant protein, animal glue, collagen, collagen hydrosylate, or a mixture thereof.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 8 wherein the rinse-aid composition comprises from about 0.5% to about 30.0% by weight bio-polypeptide.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 8 wherein the rinse-aid composition further comprises at least one additive selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, hydrotrope, preservative, acid, surfactant and water.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 8 wherein the surfactant is a low-foaming nonionic surfactant.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 8 wherein the rinse-aid composition results in a use solution having a pH from about 2.0 to about 10.0.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 8 wherein the rinse-aid composition is at a temperature from about ambient to about 100°C.

16. (Original) A method for pre-treating non-soiled dishware to prevent starch soil build-up comprising the steps of contacting non-soiled dishware with a pre-coating composition comprising:

(a) a bio-polypeptide; and

(b) water.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the bio-polypeptide is gelatin, egg albumin, bovine serum albumin, casein, sodium caseinate or a mixture thereof.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the bio-polypeptide is yeast protein, whey protein, vegetable protein, plant protein, animal glue, collagen, collagen hydrosylate, or a mixture thereof.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the pre-coating composition has from about 0.50 to about 30.0% by weight bio-polypeptide.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the pre-coating composition is sprayed on to the dishware.